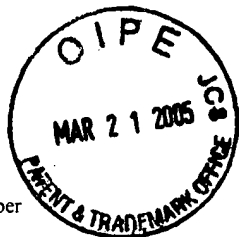


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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1

Line 22, delete "les" and insert in place thereof - - samples - -.  
Line 64, delete the word "my" and insert in place thereof - - may be - -.  
Line 65, delete the word "microliter" and insert in place thereof - - microtiter - -.

Column 6

Line 23, delete the word "tided" and insert in place thereof - - titled - -.

Column 8

Line 31, delete the word "fore" and insert in place thereof - - force - -.

Column 9

Line 7, delete the word "surge" and insert in place thereof - - surface - -.  
Line 24, delete the word "chamber" and insert in place thereof - - chambers - -.  
Line 46, insert - - drain - - before "ports".

Column 10

Line 37, delete the word "microliter" and insert in place thereof - - microtiter - -.  
Line 59, delete the word "chains" and insert in place thereof - - chambers - -.

Column 11

Line 16, delete the word "stricture" and insert in place thereof - - structure - -.  
Line 23, delete the word "suite" and insert in place thereof - - surface - -.  
Line 28, delete the word "chamber" and insert in place thereof - - chambers - -.  
Line 38, delete the word "am" and insert in place thereof - - are - -.  
Line 43, delete the word "chamber" and insert in place thereof - - chambers - -.  
Line 59, delete the word "farther" and insert in place thereof - - further - -.

Column 12

Line 34, delete the word "erring" and insert in place thereof - - transferring - -.

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